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Intelligence and Military Schools

1. During the spring of 1954, the headquarters of the Frontier Troop Administration was transferred from the corner of Georgi Dimitrov and Sveti Kiril i Metodi Streets in Sofia to Durvenitsa near Sofia. Some komandaturas were directly subordinate to the Frontier Troop Administration and not to a Frontier Otryad. This applied to the komandatura in Koprivlen, Gotse Delchev Okoliya, prior to its attachment to the 16 Frontier Otryad, and possibly also to the komandatura in Pirin (gara).
2. The following are schools
 - a. An MVR school for only civilian intelligence agents, allegedly located in the former American College in Simeonovo, Sofia Okoliya.
 - b. An MVR school for foreign languages, established in the former "Royal" Motion Picture Theater on Rakovski Street in Sofia; this school accepted also Frontier Troop Officers;
 - c. A refresher school for Frontier Troop sergeants, established in Ardino, and a similar school for Frontier Troop Officers, established in Durvenitsa.

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Border Defense

3. The defense of the border primarily depends on the seasons and penetrativity of the terrain. For example, in the winter Frontier Troops watched for prints in snow, while in the summer they prepared various obstacles in the 500 meter border zone. More such obstacles and signal devices were prepared in 1955 than in 1954. Areas where penetration by diversionaries was the heaviest were reinforced with manpower, and the number of hours on guard duty were increased from 8 to 10 and even 12 hours. This increased border vigilance applied to all zastavas several days prior to 1 May and 9 September, regardless of the penetrativity of the area. In this connection, all furloughs for Frontier Troops were cancelled for one month around 1 May and around 9 September. In 1955, the 16 Frontier Otryad cancelled all furloughs between April and 5 May.

Recruit Classes

4. Some of the 1932 and 1935 recruit classes and all of the 1933 and 1934 classes are now serving. Some members of the 1935 class were called up in October 1954 together with the last group of the 1934 class. It is rumored that some of the 1936 class have also been called up.

Resettlement in Border Areas; Delivery Quotas

5. The population of Buyinovo, Devin Okoliya, which was moved out in 1947 and 1948, was permitted to return to Buyinovo in the fall of 1954.
6. In the beginning of 1955, the state produce delivery quotas for the border population was reduced, and the milk and meat delivery quotas for the population in the first border zone were abolished altogether.

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